

# Pittsburgh White Hope Really Believes He'll Win Title LIVE SPORTS Edited By Louis Dougher

## FRANK MORAN EXPECTS TO DEFEAT CHAMPION BY GREATER STAMINA

### Fritz Maisel, Baltimore Lad With the New York Yankees, May Wind Up Season Leading League in Stolen Bases

Short-Arm Left to the Body Will Turn Trick, According to White Hope From Pittsburgh—Will Make Johnson Do All Leading, Waiting for Time to Rush.

By WILLIAM PHILLIP SIMMS, United Press Staff Correspondent.

PARIS, June 24.—If Frank Moran, of Pittsburgh, is not heavyweight champion of the world after he meets Jack Johnson here Saturday night, the aforesaid Frank will be much surprised. It's true, Moran thinks he'll win—really thinks so, or I'm no judge.

Moran was tapering off in his training today when I went out to see him at Butry-Sur-Place. He looked fine, strong, active, and with the clear eye and rosy skin of the well-trained fighter. After I looked him over I really thought myself that, perhaps, he can bring home the bacon—about \$1,000,000 worth—when he meets the big black. And he sure thinks so.

Tom Kennedy, of New York; Willie Lewis, the old-time scrapper from the East Side, and Jimmy Hatton were on the job to give Moran his workout today. Lewis, quick as a real boxer, had mighty little on Moran when they sparred. Neither Kennedy nor Hatton showed anything like the white hope's strength.

Moran was lightning fast on his feet, he boxed so well that Lewis landed a glove on him and he stood up. Kennedy and Hatton with stiff short arm left which made them back away early in the rounds. This short-arm left to the body, Moran says, is the blow which will beat Johnson. He thinks that Johnson is dissipated and must have got to his stomach and believes that if he sank his big freckled pin once or twice into Johnson's mid-section, the champion would be as good as dead.

"There's a lot of people who think

Johnson can't be beat," Moran said to me. "Well, they thought that of John L. Sullivan, didn't they? But Corbett turned the trick. They thought Jeffries was a cinch at Reno, didn't they? And you heard of what happened there? It's the same thing with Johnson now. No man can follow the primrose path the said that—Moran's a college professor and there as a fighter, Johnson's had his day. I am young, have lived clean, have all my energy and I'll use my head in the mill. I'll cut him down."

Another thing, Johnson's the champion. He'll have to lead to me. If he thinks I am going to carry the fight to him and let him pick me to pieces with counters, he's got another guess coming. I'm going to fight MY fight not HIS fight. He may lead me for the first few rounds but when the finish comes I'll be on top."

Moran certainly looks good. He has clearly trained hard and faithfully and as good a judge of what fighters should be as Willie Lewis is enthusiastic over his condition. Personally, I would not care to predict what Moran will do with Johnson. Men who know him well say he is an in-and-outter. If he has one of his good turns on when he meets Johnson he may win, but my impression is that he will need every ounce of skill, strength and determination he possesses to trim the big black champion of them all.

Reporters in circulation here today that Johnson had been offered big money by a gambling syndicate to "lie down" to Moran and that the tennis authorities are emphatic in their declarations that at best the United States team will not have better than an even chance of retaining the trophy regained at Wimbledon last summer. It is certain that Champion Lewis, including McLaughlin, William Johnson, Clarence Griffin, Thomas Bundy, and possibly Ella Poter and Roland Roberts, has been requested to come East early in July. Here they will be joined by Lindley Murray and H. L. Hahn, who have been playing in the East for some weeks. The Eastern contingent, including Williams, Wallace Johnson, Touchard, Peil Dahney, Niles, Alexander, Leroy, Church, and others have been playing for some weeks, and when the two squads join in the U. S. L. A. officials will immediately begin work of trying out the players in various tournaments in order to secure the present ability for cup defense purposes.

Somehow similar conditions prevail in England with the first rounds but a few weeks away. According to the draw the English team must meet the United States team in the first round, July 11-13-14. England should survive this round, even though the team selected for the matches did not represent British topnotch tennis strength.

The American Cup defenders will be called upon to face a heavier attack this summer than in any Davis Cup match in years, and the expert tennis authorities are emphatic in their declarations that at best the United States team will not have better than an even chance of retaining the trophy regained at Wimbledon last summer. It is certain that Champion Lewis, including McLaughlin, William Johnson, Clarence Griffin, Thomas Bundy, and possibly Ella Poter and Roland Roberts, has been requested to come East early in July. Here they will be joined by Lindley Murray and H. L. Hahn, who have been playing in the East for some weeks. The Eastern contingent, including Williams, Wallace Johnson, Touchard, Peil Dahney, Niles, Alexander, Leroy, Church, and others have been playing for some weeks, and when the two squads join in the U. S. L. A. officials will immediately begin work of trying out the players in various tournaments in order to secure the present ability for cup defense purposes.

Interest in the international play will not cease with the Davis Cup matches, however, for the members of the English, Australasian, and German teams, the latter come to America at all, will all play in the national championship tournament at Newport during the week of August 24-29. In the event of a tie between two nations, to be played at the Longwood Club on August 27, 28, and 29, in the challenge round at Forest Hills, L. I., the following week.

While rapid progress is being made in the matter of accumulating spectators at these matches, the same cannot be said of the assembling of the players who will form the teams of the leading players, considered as national Australasia is, to date, the only competitor with its team formed and practicing as a unit. In view of the formidable organization of players that the antipodes possess in Brooks, Wilding, Doud, and Dunlop, this advantage is not one to be

## AMERICA HAS BUT AN EVEN CHANCE TO GET BACK THE DAVIS CUP

Carroll Features Farmers' Work in Game With Postoffice Department Team.

Agriculture looms up brighter than ever as a pennant contender in the national League following the sensational game in which Center Fielder Eddie Carroll featured in the defeat of Postoffice. The Farmers won by 4 to 3 in six innings. Carroll fielded his position perfectly, getting four difficult opportunities which resulted in outs and handling a pair of assists in a equally commendable manner. At the bat, Carroll also acquitted himself well, getting a timely triple in the fourth frame. As a result of the Aggie victory over the Mailmen, the Interior nine moves one step into second place and gives the winners of yesterday's battle the best chance they have had to date to ascend the throne in their circuit.

Stouessu was relieved in the fourth inning, a weak spell coming over him. Charley finished the game for him and kept the opponents from even getting a first base. Merrill Vaughn performed creditably on the paths.

It required only five innings for the Post Office nine to take the measure of Statistics, by 4 to 2. The fifth inning saw three runs go over for the malthe-mathematics after one had been scored in the first.

Kendallworth and Waverly each sent over a pair of tallies in the opening, and after that no runs were scored. The game was called after the fifth with the count tied. Phipps and Becker were evenly matched, each pitcher issuing four bingles. Becker struck out the greatest number of batters.



CHANCE THINKS HE'LL MAKE A 300 HITTER.

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By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

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Fritz Maisel was unheard of this time last year. At that time he was playing with Jack Dunn's Baltimore Internationals, and putting up a great game, too. His fielding was excellent, his hitting fair, and his base running great, just great, that's all. So Frank Chance got busy.

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"I don't want to buy your club, you know. All I want is Maisel. How would \$5,000 look to you?"

"Say, Jack, I need this fellow. Be reasonable. Here's a good kid who ought to be playing in the big show. You're keeping him back. How much do you want for him? I'll pay anything reasonable."

"If you give me \$12,000 together with Miskiff and Danieles, you can have him. He'll be a star for you, make no mistake about that."

"It's a bargain. You can have Miskiff, Danieles and \$12,000. Give me a blank check."

So little Fritz Maisel, a Baltimore boy, left home to play in the big show. And he made good from the jump. For four or five days he failed to get a hit, but Chance kept him at third. Finally he began to hit and finished the season of 1913 with a batting average of .337 for fifty-nine games. His mark in the International League was .337, and Frank Chance thinks he can make a .300 hitter out of him yet.

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COMISKEY "IN AIR" OVER FED INVASION

Desertions Can Be Expected From Every Major League Team Very Soon.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

CHICAGO, June 24.—Charles Comiskey never before had so much worry on his mind as he is having right now. The Fed. has had a number of times, according to major league reports, are causing all the trouble.

Hal Chase, one of the best first basemen who ever played with the White Sox, has packed his trunk and is in Washington, waiting for a train to the Federal League club owners can do with the Sox who are reported to be organizing a new baseball team in Chicago.

When other players will follow in the footsteps of Chase to go into business with friends in Philadelphia and in Washington, the Sox are in a bad way. The Federal League club owners can do with the Sox who are reported to be organizing a new baseball team in Chicago.

Among the Minors.

American Association.

Columbus, 1; St. Paul, 2. (First game.)

Minneapolis, 5; Cleveland, 4. (First game.)

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Louisville, 8; Milwaukee, 7. (Second game.)

Kansas City, 9; Indianapolis, 6. (First game.)

Providence, 6; Buffalo, 2. (Second game.)

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Bingles And Bunts

By GRANTLAND RICE.

The half-gods of destiny have done their part of it in behalf of Frank Moran. They have set the stage for a stunning surprise, and such a surprise could only come in a Moran victory.

The half-gods of fate who arrange such advance matters have brought Johnson to his first real championship test since the Jeffries overthrow. And they have brought him on in a year that has been indigo and ashes to all champions concerned. Furthermore, Johnson is about due. It is now only a question of "how soon." The end of his journey in any event can't be far away. He reached the top of the hill four years ago. He has been moving toward the valley ever since, and it is merely a matter of meeting the first man coming up.

How About Moran?

If Moran is coming up in any sort of fashion he should water his muscles with so inordinately fond of saying, "There's the rub."

No one knows in what direction Moran is traveling, or whether he is even under way. He is big enough and strong enough. These are two important qualities. But whether he knows enough or is fast enough is another matter.

In Moran's Favor.

There are several important details in Moran's favor. The first is that practically every expert is picking Johnson to win. Not secondarily, but you may have observed what 1914 has slipped down in every line. This may be the exception to the rule. But we don't believe it will be for Moran is ready for any sort of a championship fight. And it doesn't have to be the best fight ever staged.

Johnson has started twice since the Reno melee, and in both instances he has been beaten. He has been beaten by a cross section of lumberjacks. He had little himself, but the other men had a ball club.

If Moran is 40 per cent of a first-class heavyweight he should have an even chance. He should have an even chance. He should have an even chance. He should have an even chance.

There is such a thing as being of too much of a good thing. Why Walter Johnson started losing, Washington collapsed. On two occasions Detroit got going. On two occasions Detroit got going. On two occasions Detroit got going.

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MIDNIGHT GAME

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, June 24.—More than a thousand persons attended a midnight baseball game played here last night between two local teams. The game was the opening event of the Festival of the Midnight Sun, features of which will be a carnival, parade, and general merrymaking.

WALL STREET GAVE CROSS WORST K. O.

However, He Has Recovered and Income Tax Assessment Has Him at \$28,000.

NEW YORK, June 23.—Leach Cross, the pugilistic New York dentist, has performed a very creditable "come back" in a financial way ever since he was knocked down for the full count by Wall Street three years ago. Leach, by practicing frugality, and by holding up fight promoters for the near limit of their bank rolls, managed to gather about \$30,000 into himself by the year A. D. 1910. And then some "friend" got an audience with Leach and told him how easy it would be for him to take that \$30,000 down to Wall Street, leave it linger there for a few months, and then bring it back with anywhere from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000 in addition.

"And, like a boob, I went," says Leach. "I stuck around Wall Street for a few months while those fellows monkeyed with my money and when I decided it was time that I got back my \$30,000 and the profits, I was told that there wasn't any profits and that the \$30,000 was evaporated."

"Gee, that was a wallop—the hardest I ever got in my life. It took all the courage and ambition out of me for the time being. I didn't care what came or went. It seemed pretty tough to have a bunch of crooks take away all the money you've spent many years in saving. And the worst of it, just at the time I felt pretty poor physically, it seemed that I could ever make good in the ring again."

But Cross has "made good" since. He's "come back" in a financial way, and a bigger drawing card than he was six or seven years ago. In the last two years he has grabbed off matches with the topnotchers, and in each and every one of these battles he has collected a big purse.

When Cross turned in his income tax blanks some months ago he gave \$28,000 as the figure for his earnings during the year previous. Of course, a few thousand of this was made through his side issue business of plugging teeth, but about \$25,000 came from plugging the other fellows.

Brightview Farm Will Stage Harness Races

The Javins Brothers will stage a harness meet July 4 at Brightview farm, near Colesville, some of the best performers in the District and Maryland counties entering the various events. The card includes a free-for-all trot or pace, purse \$34; 2:30 trot or pace, purse \$25; 2:30 trot or pace, purse \$25; and a match race between Dr. Brown's lay gelding by Kibler and Benton M. Ray's gay gelding by Harry C.

Will Meet Carpenter.

LONDON, June 24.—Young Albert, of Brooklyn, has been matched with Georges Carpentier, champion of Europe, for a twenty-round bout at the National Sporting Club, August 4, for a purse of \$20,000.

Stanton Gives Up.

STANTON, Va., June 24.—The local franchise in the Mountain Baseball League has been surrendered to Harrisonburg without a fight. It was found impossible to arouse sufficient interest in the league to make it pay.

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